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1. AS INDICATION COUP MAY NOT YET BE COUNTRY-WIDE, IBADAN
RADIO STATION WNBS CONTINUING BROADCAST NORMAL PROGRAMMING
WITH NO RPT NO MENTION COUP AS OF 1045 LOCAL. WE HAVE BEEN
IN CONTACT BY TELEPHONE WITH BOTH KADUNA AND IBADAN. KADUNA
REPORTS THAT CITY ALL QUNET.

2. TRAFFIC BECOMING LIGHTER AND ARMORED CARS NOW APPEARING.
WE HAVE RECEIVED REPORT THAT THERE LARGE NUMBER OF MILITARY
CARS AT DODAN BARRACKS; ASSUME THERE IS MEETING GOING ON AT
THIS TIME.

3. SAME RECORDED STATEMENT BY COLONEL GARBA CONTINUES TO BE
BROADCAST AT ONE-HALF HOUR INTERVALS BUT THERE HAVE BEEN
NO RPT NO FURTHER DETAILS.

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4. IT STILL NOT RPT NOT AT ALL CLEAR WHO INVOLVED. AS ALWAYS IN THESE SITUATIONS, RUMORS ARE FLYING. ONE OF MOST POPULAR IN THESE EARLY HOURS IS THAT GOWON WAS AWARE OF COUP BEFORE HE LEFT FOR KAMPLA. IN EMBELLISHMENT THIS RUMOR, IT SAID THA GOWON REMOVED ALL PERSONAL POSSESSIONF S FROM DODAN BARRACKS BEFORE HE LEFT FOR UGANDA. THIS RUMOR HAS IT THAT GOWON TOLD TAKE THIS WAY AS EASIEST WAY TO TURN OVER POWER. (DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT DANIEL GOWON LEFT FOR US LAST WEEKEND; LAGOS 7088). ALSO, PASSING ARMY MAJOR TOLD EMBASSY EMPLOYEE GENERAL HASSAN KATSINA BEING ASKED HEAD NEW FMG IN "CARETAKER" CAPACITY. REITERATE, HOWEVER, THERE STILL NOTHING FIRM.

5. IN INTERESTING SIDELIGHT DAILY TIMES THIS MORNING (PRINTED BEFORE COUP) HAD ARTICLE QUOTING BRIGADIER T. Y. DANJUMA, COMMANDER THIRD INFANTRY BRIGADE, AS HAVING TOLD REPORTERS IN JOS JULY 28 THAT THERE NOTHING WRONG WITH AGITATION OF PUBLIC FOR RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE. DANJUMA FURTHER QUOTED AS SAYING THE AGITATION FOR RETURN CIVIL RULE MERELY REMAINDER TO MILITARY REGIME THAT IT OVERSTAYING ITS TENURE OF OFFICE.

6. TODAY'S CHUCKLE: MOMENTARILY ONE ARMORED VEHICLE AND THREE LIGHT TANKS STUCK IN GO-SLOW JUST OUTSIDE EMBASSY ON YAKUBU GOWON STREET.
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